



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

RED RIBBON WEEK

- WHEREAS: Alcohol and drug abuse in this nation has reached epidemic proportions. Abuse of drugs and alcohol impact not only those who use, but also adds strains to families and undermines the community at large; and
- WHEREAS: Visible and unified prevention education initiatives are imperative to reduce the demand for drugs. Citizen support is also essential in raising awareness regarding the dangers of drug use; and
- WHEREAS: By confronting this epidemic on the state and local levels, we can better protect our communities from drug and alcohol abuse and help those facing addiction recover and redeem their lives; and
- WHEREAS: On October 23–31, communities across Georgia and around the nation will recognize National Red Ribbon Week, a campaign that encourages a drug-free lifestyle and participation in drug prevention and reduction activities; and
- WHEREAS: The red ribbon honors the contributions of Drug Enforcement Administration Agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena, who was killed in the line of duty, and represents a unified effort to eliminate drug and alcohol abuse; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia’s Red Ribbon Campaign has received national recognition as one of the most visible and active drug prevention awareness programs; and
- WHEREAS: Citizens throughout Georgia, including business leaders, government officials, law enforcement personnel, members of the media, and medical professionals, as well as religious institutions, schools, and service organizations, are encouraged to demonstrate their commitment to healthy, drug-free lifestyles by wearing and displaying red ribbons during this weeklong campaign; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 23–31, 2018, as RED RIBBON WEEK in Georgia and encourage our citizens to show their support and commitment to a drug-free state.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 5th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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